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June 1, 2007

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on June 22-23, 2007, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, June 22, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Best Western Payson Inn, 801 N. Beeline Highway Payson, Arizona 85541.

Meeting begins at 12:00 p.m.

Awards and Commissioning of Officers.

- 1. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. State and Federal Legislation.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.
- 2. Presenter: Mike Senn, Acting Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Statewide Shooting Range Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting range support and development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the May 2007 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 3. Presenter: Mike Senn, Acting Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Information and Education Activities Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information and Education Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the May 2007 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 4. Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division. Update on the Department's Operational Planning Process.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation regarding the completion of public review of Operational Plans governing Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009. The Commission may vote to provide the Department direction on the content of its operational plans.

5. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. An Update on Current Issues, Planning Efforts, and Proposed Projects on All Lands in Arizona and Other Matters Related Thereto.** The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related hereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the May 2007 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
6. **Presenter: Mark Weise, Development Branch Chief. Commission Briefing on Status of New Headquarters Facility.** The Department will be providing the Commission with a current status of the Department's new headquarters facility. This item is for Commission information only.
7. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.
8. **Executive Session**
 - a. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson*, CV2005-002692; *Charles M. Johnson v. Arizona Game and Fish Dep't, et al* LC2006-000775-001.
 - b. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel regarding the Commission's position on potential litigation regarding the use of temporary employment services at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.
 - c. **Negotiations for the Purchase of a Public Access and Open Space Easement.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7) to discuss and consult with its representatives concerning negotiations for an option purchase agreement with Babbitt Ranches to acquire a public access and open space easement on Espee Ranch.
 - d. **Southeast Arizona Road Closures.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § (A)(3) and (4) to obtain legal advice and consult with legal counsel regarding the Commission's position regarding road closures in the Aravaipa Canyon Area of Graham County and the closure of Skeleton Canyon Road in Graham County.
 - e. **Sale or Exchange of Real Property.** The Commission may go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(7) to discuss and direct Department representatives concerning negotiations with the United States Forest Service over the use of a Special Use Permit, Land Exchange, or land grant as part of

the development of the Northern Arizona Shooting Range.

- 9. Presenter: Pat Barber, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conviction</u>
Mendoza, Christopher L.	Count A: Take wildlife without valid permit (javelina). Count B: Take wildlife in wrong unit (javelina). Count C: Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (javelina).
Pike, Ryan M.	Count A: Litter while deer hunting.
Childers, Chad I.	Count A: Litter while deer hunting.
Hurd, David A.	Count A: Fish while license to take wildlife is revoked.
Rhoton, Robert A.	Count A: Trap on public land (United States Forest Service). Count B: Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (gray fox).
McMillan, Alex	Count A: Knowingly take wildlife during closed season (doe antelope). Count B: Take wildlife and allow to waste (doe antelope).
Gordon, Joseph	Count A: Attempted to taking of big game (doe antelope).
Benavidez, Angel A.	Count B: Possess wildlife unlawfully taken (deer) amended to possess big game without a valid tag attached (deer).

- 10. Presenter: James F. Odenkirk, Assistant Attorney General. Espee Ranch Conservation Easement/Option Purchase Agreement.** The Commission will be briefed on a conservation easement and option purchase agreement with Babbitt ranches that will establish a public access and open space easement on Espee Ranch. The Commission may vote to approve the option purchase agreement and the conservation easement deed.

- 11. Presenter: Gerald L. Perry, Tucson Regional Supervisor. Issues Related to Sportsmen's Access Concerns in Southeast Arizona.** After receiving legal advice in executive session regarding road closures in the Aravaipa Canyon Area of Graham County and the closure of Skeleton Canyon Road in Graham County, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, these road closures in public session.

- 12. Presenter: Harry Seck, Assistant Director, Special Services Division. Current Status of Draw Applications for the Fall Draw.** The Commission will be briefed on the current status of the applications process for the fall big game draw to include the current number of applications received by the Department. This item is for Commission information only.

- 13. Presenter: Eric Gardner, Nongame Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Mexico's Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT).** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Mexico's Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT by its Spanish acronym) to allow for a cooperative program that benefits efforts between Mexico and Arizona regarding the conservation and management of wildlife species of mutual interest.
- 14. Presenter: Eric Gardner, Nongame Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval on a Commission Policy for the Reintroduction of Federally Listed Wildlife; as Modified from the 1997 Commission Guidelines for Reintroduction of Federally Listed Aquatic Wildlife.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a policy on the reintroduction of all federally listed wildlife not otherwise covered by the 12-Step process for re-establishment of nongame wildlife and endangered species (as defined in the policy).
- 15. Presenter: Marty Fabritz, Executive Staff Assistant. Proposed Dates and Locations of Arizona Game and Fish Commission Meetings for 2008 and January 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a schedule for Commission meeting dates and locations for 2007 and January 2008.
- 16. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.
- 17. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the following litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson*, CV2005-002692; *Charles M. Johnson v. Arizona Game and Fish Dep't, et al* LC2006-000775-001. The Commission may vote to take action on any case.

Saturday, June 23, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Best Western Payson Inn, 801 N. Beeline Highway Payson, Arizona 85541.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

Awards and Commissioning of Officers.

- 1. Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Proposed Amendment to Commission Order 4 – Elk.** The season dates for elk hunt 3028 (Unit 22 North, bull elk) were inadvertently presented incorrectly to the Commission at the December 9, 2006 meeting. The Department will request an amendment to the season dates so that the season will begin on Friday, consistent with other elk hunts. This proposed amendment will result in an 8-day hunt. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

2. **Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Consideration of Applications for Special Big Game Hunt License-Tags for Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer, Antelope, Elk, Turkey, Javelina, Bighorn Sheep, Buffalo, and Black Bear for 2008-2009.** The Commission will consider and may vote to take action on applications from organizations for 2008-2009 Special Big Game License-Tags as per R12-4-120. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.
3. **Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Consideration of Proposed Commission Order 29 for Special Big Game License-Tag Seasons for Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer, Antelope, Elk, Turkey, Javelina, Bighorn Sheep, Buffalo, and Black Bear for the 2008-2009 Special Tag Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 29: Special Hunts, establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for Special Big Game Hunt License Tags. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.
4. **Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 19, 20 and 24 for the 2007-2008 Hunting Season.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 19 (dove), Commission Order 20 (band-tailed pigeons), and Commission Order 24 (sandhill cranes) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open-closed areas. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.
5. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.
6. **Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
7. **Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
8. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes from May 18, 2007 and if approved, the signing of the minutes from May 18, 2007.
9. **Future Agenda Items.**

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a

specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 2222 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally.

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).

One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane L. Shroufe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Duane" being more prominent.

Duane L. Shroufe
Director